



South Dakota Department of the Military
South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs



KOREAN WAR VETERANS TO BE HONORED

South Dakota's Korean War 60th Anniversary Commemoration Committee Ambassador Robert Hill will be in Pierre July 26-27, 2013, to pay tribute to South Dakota's Korean War Veterans.

Hill will have a commemorative Korean War Exhibit on Display at the South Dakota National Guard Museum (301 E. Dakota) in Pierre, on Friday, July 26, 2013, from 9:00 am—4:00 pm and from 9:00 am to noon on Saturday, July 27.

On Saturday morning, July 27, at 11:00 am, dignitaries will gather on the lawn near the memorials at Capitol Lake in Pierre for the official wreath laying ceremony honoring South Dakota's Korean War Veterans. Larry Zimmerman, secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, will be in attendance at this event and will partake in the ceremony. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Visitors Center.

After the ceremony, attendees are encouraged to participate in a group lunch at the American Legion Post 8 (520 S. Pierre Street). Lunch will be provided by the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. Following lunch, Hill will present Commemorative Certificates to Korean War Veterans.

Friday, July 26, 2013
Korean War Commemoration Display
at the
South Dakota National Guard Museum
Pierre, South Dakota

Saturday, July 27, 2013
Wreath Laying Ceremony
at the Capital
Pierre, South Dakota

**In honor of the
60th Anniversary of the
end of the
Korean War**

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FREE and Open to the Public!!!

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ADEN GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

If you've ever read the job description for a county or tribal veterans service officer you will recall that it includes language similar to this statement: "This position involves counseling and assisting military veterans and their dependents or survivors. Duties include studying and explaining state and federal veterans legislation, regulations and procedures, consulting with medical care providers, preparing veterans benefit claims, and consulting with other government agencies to ensure that their clientele are receiving the maximum level of assistance and benefits to which they are entitled."

Most job descriptions include that all encompassing catch-phrase "and all other duties as assigned." Going to the cemetery and assisting a veterans widow in placing the bronze headstone plaque may fall under the category as "other" for some, but for us at the Department it falls under the category of "going above and beyond the call of duty."



Keith Aden, McCook County Veterans Service Officer, recently did exactly that! Prior to the visit to the cemetery with Eileen Meyer, widow to WWI Veteran Garlin Meyer, Aden pre-placed the plaque in the concrete base. Loading the 200 pound marker, Aden and SD Department of Veterans Affairs Field Officer George Arends then met up with Eileen Meyer and traveled to the cemetery.

Eileen was very grate-

ful for Keith's assistance in recognizing her husband's service to this great country.



"The Miracle is this—
the more we share,
the more we have."
Leonard Nimoy

VETERANS VISIT MOUNT RUSHMORE

Residents from the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home had the opportunity to spend the day at Mount Rushmore last week.

When they're not busy playing cards, crafting, Wii bowling, or playing pool; you're apt to find them headed to the lake for a pontoon ride, a little fishing or heading out to do some trap shooting.

During the next couple of weeks they will be attending performances at the Mueller Center in Hot Springs as well as the Black Hills Playhouse. And on the weekend on August 3-4 you will be sure to find them at the Veterans Reunion and the Freedom Ride Poker Run, both in Hot Springs. Events like these happen because of the dedicated staff, the volunteers that assist and the organizations and individuals that donate funds to offset the costs. To all, THANK YOU!!!!



SUMMER INTERN AT SDNG MUSEUM

In an effort to get more of the artifacts archived at the South Dakota National Guard Museum, Director Johnson has brought on a summer intern. Joseph Wieseler, a senior at the University of South Dakota School of Business and Pierre native, began his duties at the Museum in July. Most of his time so far has been spent updating inventory databases, but he did enjoy the opportunity to assist in changing out the gun cabinet.

Wieseler said, "This internship has given me the opportunity to learn more about the wars our country has been a part of, as well as the men and women who served." "My dad served in the Vietnam War and I have always wanted to learn more about this conflict and this job will give me that opportunity," said Wieseler.

When Wieseler is not working at the museum or studying he can be found hunting, fishing, or playing intramural sports.



HONORING OUR HEROES

All eras of veterans, current service members and their families are invited to attend the VA Black Hills Health Care System "All Veteran Reunion" at the Hot Springs, SD Mueller Civic Center on Saturday, August 3.

The reunion will include: an Information and Benefits Fair from 3:00-5:00 p.m.; a free picnic for veterans, service members and families, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.; and a tribute program to our nation's heroes and their families from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All reunion activities will be at the Mueller Civic Center.

The tribute program will include a welcome message from South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Larry Zimmerman, a patriotic address by retired Colonel Kim Henningsen, and a salute to our heroes, their families, and the fallen. VFW State Commander DD Couch will recognize all veterans and will introduce veterans Jeff Baird, Marty Mahrt, Larry Zimmerman and Charles Najacht.

The evening will wrap up with musical selections representing the various generations brought to us by the Potter Family.

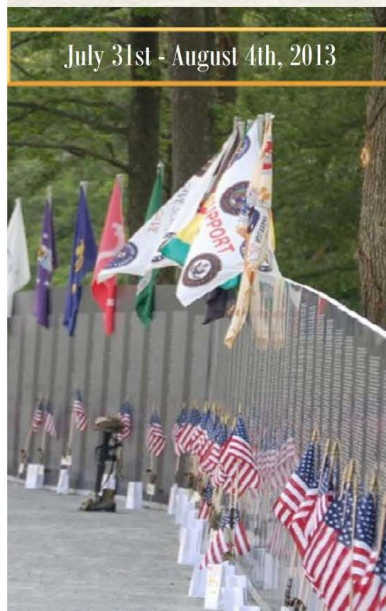
This "All Veteran Reunion" is being held during the Hot Springs community sponsored event, "Honoring Our Heroes," occurring from July 31 – August 4.

For more information on the All Veteran Reunion, contact the coordinator, Lori Vosika, at 605-745-200 extension 2176.



The American Legion Riders, Post 71 & the Hot Springs, SD Community present:

Honoring Our Heroes



At Centennial Park

All days: Special South Dakota State Fallen Soldier Memorial, book signings by various authors, support staff, vendors.

Wednesday, July 31st

3:00 pm: Wall with Escort leaves Chadron, NE
4:30 pm: Wall with Escort arrives in town; parade through town
6:00 pm: Dinner at the American Legion (sponsored by the Women's Auxilliary)

Thursday, August 1st

8:00 am: Wall set-up begins
1:00 pm: Opening Ceremony

Friday, August 2nd

10:00 am: Honoring Police Departments Day
2:00 pm: Memorial Brick Garden Dedication

Saturday, August 3rd

10:00 am: Honoring Fire Departments Day
1:00 - 3:00 pm: Youth Wall Tour (parents welcome)

Sunday, August 4th

8:30 am Farewell Blessing at wall
9:00 Freedom Ride Registration at State Veterans Home (see details on separate flyer)
11:00 am Freedom Ride parade & poker run
3:00 pm: wall take-down begins

24-hour wall viewing begins at 1 pm on August 1st and will end at 3 pm on August 4th.



*Honoring Those That
Fought For Our
Freedom*

At Mueller Civic Center

Thursday, August 1st & Friday, August 2nd only: South Dakota Fallen Hero Banner Display

Saturday, August 3rd Only: 3-5 pm All Veterans Benefit Fair & Social, 5-6:30 pm Free Picnic for Veterans & Families Only; 6:30-8:30 pm Veterans Tribute (open to public)

All days: Agent Orange Quilt of Tears; National Guard Display; South Dakota State Historical Society Traveling Exhibit; Grandma's Petting Zoo & Pony Rides; various vendors.

VETERANS APPRECIATION RIDE POKER RUN

Veterans' Appreciation Ride Poker Run



PUBLIC WELCOME

Where: Custer to Hot Springs & Return

When: Thursday, August 8, 2013

Register: 11:30-12:30 @ VFW Post 3442, Custer, SD

Cost: 1st Poker Hand \$20, 2nd Poker Hand \$10

Departing Custer @ 12:30 pm

*Military Honoring Ceremony
21 Gun Salute
National Anthem*

*Food Svc
Available
Downstairs*

Proceeds to Operation Black Hills Cabin

If you have any questions please call 605-228-2121 or 673-2205

SALUTE TO VETERANS AT THE SD STATE FAIR

SD State Fair

"Salute To Veterans"

August 29, 2013, 10:30 a.m.-NWE Freedom Stage

Master of Ceremonies ~ Senator Mike Vehle

Posting of Colors ~ Huron Veterans Council

Pledge of Allegiance ~ White Lake High School Choir

Special Music Selection ~ White Lake High School Choir

National Anthem ~ White Lake High School Choir

Opening Prayer ~

Speaker:

SD Dept. of Veterans Affairs Secretary Larry Zimmerman

Special Guest:

Governor Dennis Daugaard

God Bless America ~ Everyone

Retiring of the Colors ~ Huron Veterans Council

Dismissal of the Troops



* All veterans and active military personnel will be given free gate admission.

* The Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Service Organizations and County Veterans Service Officers will be manning the 'Veterans Building,' on Flag Avenue.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY SFVAHCS CBOCS

Clinic Type	Aberdeen CBOC	Sioux City CBOC	Spirit Lake CBOC	Wagner CBOC	Watertown CBOC
Anticoagulation Monitoring		X	X		X
Audiology, Hearing Booth					X
Audiology: Hearing aid fitting, adjustments, and replacements	X	X	X	X	X
Behavioral Medicine	X	X	X	X	X
Home Based Primary Care	X	X	X	X	X
Lab	X	X	X	X	X
Mental Health	X	X	X	X	X
Physical Therapy		X			
Primary Care	X	X	X	X	X
Telehealth Anticoagulation	X			X	
Telehealth Chronic Health Management	X	X	X	X	X
Telehealth Diabetes Management	X	X	X	X	X
Telehealth Endocrinology	X	X	X	X	X
Telehealth Infectious Disease	X	X	X	X	X
Telehealth Low Vision	X	X	X	X	X
Telehealth Mental Health	X	X	X	X	X
Telehealth Nephrology	X	X	X	X	X
Telehealth Neurology	X	X	X	X	X
Telehealth Nutrition/Move	X	X	X	X	X
Telehealth Oncology	X	X	X	X	X
Telehealth Orthopedics	X	X	X	X	X
Telehealth Pain Management	X	X	X	X	X
Telehealth Physical therapy	X	X	X	X	X
Telehealth Psychiatry	X	X	X	X	X
Telehealth Pulmonary	X	X	X	X	X

Aberdeen (605-229-3500) - Wagner (605-384-2340) - Watertown (605-884-2420)

Sioux City, IA (712-258-4700) - Spirit Lake, IA (712-336-6400)

CHANGE IN SDNG LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Brigadier General Kevin Griese is the new assistant adjutant general for the South Dakota Army National Guard. A Transfer of Authority ceremony took place between Griese and the outgoing assistant adjutant general, Brig. Gen. Craig Johnson, at the Joint Force Headquarters Readiness Center on Camp Rapid July 13. During the ceremony, Griese was also promoted from the rank of colonel to brigadier general.

As the assistant adjutant general, Griese is responsible to the South Dakota National Guard's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, for strategic planning, strength management, troop readiness and mobilization support of the state's nearly 3,300 Army National Guard soldiers.

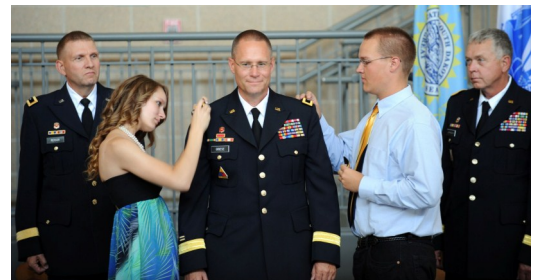
Griese, of Pierre, replaces Johnson, who served in the position since October 2012. Johnson, of Rapid City, will retire from the Guard after 36 years of service to the state and nation.

Brig. Gen. Griese began his military career in January 1982 enlisting in the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery of the 147th Field Artillery Brigade. He received his commission as a second lieutenant through the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology ROTC program in May 1986 and was branched as an engineer officer. Griese has held numerous command and staff positions within the 109th Engineer Battalion, the 153rd Engineer Battalion and the 109th Engineer Group. He also commanded the 153rd Engineer Battalion during its deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004-2005. After returning from the U.S. Army War College in 2008, Griese served briefly at Joint Force Headquarters before being assigned as the commander the 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute). His most recent assignment was commander of the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

In addition, Col. Terry Ommen, of Rapid City, took command of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade from Col. Kevin Griese during a change of command ceremony Saturday, July 13, at the Sioux Falls National Guard armory. Ommen, who has been a member of the National Guard for 32 years, will now oversee the unit that Griese led since September 2011.

As the commander of the 196th, Ommen is responsible for the command and control of approximately 1,900 Soldiers, which is comprised of the 139th Brigade Support Battalion, 153rd Engineer Battalion, 1- 147th Field Artillery Battalion and its subordinate units. Taking over the command, Ommen will continue to ensure that these units are equipped, manned, trained and prepared to carry out their state and federal missions.

Ommen began his military service on 16 April, 1981, as a 13B cannon crewmember assigned to Battery B, 2nd Battalion 147th Field Artillery. He received his commission through the South Dakota Military Academy in July 1986 as a field artillery officer. Ommen's previous assignment was the J1/Human Resource officer for Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ). He also served as the 196th MEB's deputy commander during the unit's deployment to Afghanistan from May 2010 to May 2011. Ommen has also held command and staff positions within the 147th Field Artillery Brigade, both 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 147th Field Artillery, as well as the SDARNG's deputy director of personnel and logistics management officer in JFHQ. In addition to his deployment to Afghanistan, he has served overseas duty in the Republic of Korea and Germany.



POKER RUN



**DAV BROOKINGS
CHAPTER #22
AND 727TH
TRANSPORTATION
POKER RUN ON
AUGUST 31ST**

The DAV Brookings Chapter No. 22 and the 727th Transportation U.S. Army National Guard Unit will be hosting the “9TH ANNUAL DAV/727TH CHARITY POKER RUN” on August 31st at the Brookings Armory. Registration starts at 11:00 a.m. with the “BIG RUN” departing with a “Parade at HIGH NOON.” There is a \$15.00 Registration fee.

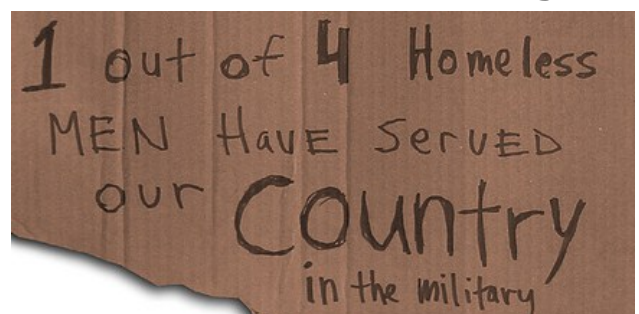
The event will be held rain or shine with a \$500.00 BEST HAND and many other prizes. All proceeds go to the DAV Hospital Transportation Network.

If questions, please contact CSM Robert Foster at (605) 873-2566.

SOUTH DAKOTA MISSION RECEIVES GRANT

The Rapid City Cornerstone Rescue Mission is set to receive \$761,436 in grant money to help homeless and at-risk veterans. The funds will help about 100 veteran families who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness, according to a statement from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The money will allow the mission to expand the territory it serves, according to Jim Castleberry, executive director of the mission. Castleberry said he thinks that expansion will allow the organization to cover all West River Native American reservations, as well as crossing into East River in some areas.

The funds come from the VA's Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, which gives grants to consumer cooperatives and non-profit organizations that help very low-income veteran families gain or keep permanent housing.



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WHEN: SEPTEMBER 28th AND 29th, 2013
TEE TIME: SATURDAY 28th -12:00 PM & SUNDAY 29th -10:00 AM
FORMAT: 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE / BEST BALL
FEE: \$90.⁰⁰ PERSON (GOLF, CART 2 DAYS AND MEAL SATURDAY NIGHT)
DINNER AT: WEBSTER AMERICAN LEGION POST # 40
CONTACT: COMMISSIONER'S ELTON BLEMASTER AT 605-280-2023
 GENE GILLEN AT 605-415-0885
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SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION 2013 GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

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ATTENDING DINNER AT Golf Course - YES _____ NO _____

***SPOUSE OR GUEST—ADDITIONAL \$10—YES _____ NO _____

Upcoming Events

Jul. 19—Sioux Falls Canaries Baseball Game Military and Veteran Appreciation Night
 Jul. 26—Korean War Commemoration Display—SDNG Museum—Pierre
 Jul. 27—Korean War Wreath Laying Ceremony at the SD State Capitol—Pierre
 Jul. 31– Aug. 4—American Veterans Traveling Tribute—Hot Springs
 Aug. 3—All Veterans Reunion—Hot Springs
 Aug. 4—Freedom Poker Ride—Hot Springs
 Aug. 21—SFVAHCS 12th Annual VA Show and Shine
 Aug. 21—Sioux Falls Veterans & Spouses Job Fair—Elmen Center (2505 S. Grange Avenue)—Sioux Falls—10:00 am
 Aug. 24-25—Freedom Bird 2013—W. H. Lyon Fairgrounds—Sioux Falls 10:00 am—5:00 pm
 Aug. 26-28—VSO Annual Benefits School—Ramkota Hotel—Pierre
 Aug. 29—Salute to Veterans and Military Personnel Day at the SD State Fair
 Aug. 31—DAV/727th Poker Run—Brookings Armory—11:00 am
 Sep. 11—Stand Down—Wagner
 Sep. 13—Stand Down Watertown
 Sep. 20—Stand Down—Sioux Falls—VFW Post 628 (3601 S. Minnesota Ave.) 8:00 am—3:00 pm
 Sept. 24—Stand Down—Aberdeen
 Sept. 28-29—American Legion Golf Tournament—Webster
 Oct. 1—Black Hills National Cemetery Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service—9:00 am
 Dec. 15—Wreaths Across America Ceremony—Black Hills National Cemetery—10:00 am



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REPORT DATE: SUNDAY, 21 JULY 2013

TIME: 2-4PM (1400-1600)

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OTHER: REFRESHMENTS SERVED *Hope to see you there!*

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